REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file *tm1[1].jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the computer image file depicts a young girl engaged in a sexual act with a man. The image is intended for the sexual titillation and arousal of adult viewers. Such image files encourage viewers to see the young as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to validate a sexual interest in children and young persons and encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.